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In accordance with the invention, the adhesive tape with the backing includes a cohesive adhesive composition of a styrene-butadiene dispersion having a butadiene content of more than 55% in a blend with natural rubber latex. The composition is coated onto the backing and then dried. The natural rubber latex may be either of the low ammonia or of the high ammonia type. The mixtures of different styrene-butadiene types and natural rubber latex types may also be used. The adhesive composition is chemically crosslinkable with customary crosslinkers (e.g., aluminum chelate or titanium chelate, further metal complexes, isocyanates, epoxy, etc.). Further, the adhesive composition is physically crosslinkable, in particular by means, for example, of EBC. In addition, the aging stability may be improved by adding aging inhibitors and UV stabilizers. The backing of the adhesive tape is contemplated to be made of either a polyolefin, polyester, PVC or paper. The application rate of the adhesive composition is about 10-120 g/m². To improve the anchoring of the composition the backing is physically surface treated or is pretreated with a primer. The styrene-butadiene dispersion is of the type of a carboxylated styrene-butadiene dispersion. The fraction of natural rubber latex is in the range of about 5-80%, in particular about 20-50%, based on the total solids content.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A2 Please cancel claims 2-13 without prejudice and add new claims 14-27 as follows:

14. (new) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the natural rubber latex has either low ammonia latices or high ammonia latices.